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1. WE APPRECIATE MISSION'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO BROKER
A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME FOR THE NEXT US-EC ENVIRON-
MENT MEETING AND REGRET THE MATTER HAS BECOME SO COM-
PLICATED. (THIS IS, OF COURSE, IN PART DUE TO THE
SHIFTING OF THE OECD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, WHICH
WE HOPE THE EC RECOGNIZES.)

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2. SINCE TRANSMISSION OF REFTEL (B), WE EXPLORED FURTHER FEASIBILITY OF ACCEPTING MARCH 8-9 DATES. AS NOTED, EVEN EARLIER, WE HAD SERIOUS RESERVATIONS. HOWEVER, SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS HAVE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE US TO FIELD THE TEAM IT BELIEVES IT SHOULD (IF THE MEETING IS HELD MARCH 8-9). AT LEAST TWO OF THE DESIRED US TECHNICAL EXPERTS WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND DUE TO BOTH BUDGET AND MORE SUBSTANTIVE SCHEDULING PROBLEMS. COMPOUNDING THE MATTER, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE AT THAT TIME FOR THE US TO SEND APPROPRIATE POLICY LEVEL OFFICIALS FOR THE DIALOGUE BOTH SIDES ANTICIPATED IN THE JUNE/JULY 1974 LETTER EXCHANGE.

3. OUR PROBLEMS, AND THE FACT THAT THE EC COMMISSION ITSELF APPARENTLY COULD NOT DEVOTE MORE THAN ONE AND ONE HALF DAYS TO THE MEETINGS ON THE MARCH DATES, LEAD US TO ASK MISSION TO PROPOSE TO ZITO THAT BOTH SIDES PUT THE MATTER ON "HOLD" FOR THE TIME BEING, REVIEW THEIR OWN SCHEDULING SITUATIONS, AND GET BACK IN TOUCH LATER CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING THE MEETING IN JUNE OR EARLY JULY. KISSINGER

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